(b) and (c). Demand for Petroleum Products is assessed on an All India basis taking various factors into consideration. LPG demand is structured on all India basis depending upon the requirements of the existing customers and proposed enrolment. Similarly demand for kerosene is structured and releases are made in line with the allocation. Marketing Plan for Kerosene, petrol, Diesel and LPG is prepared by the Oil Industry based on volume distance norms and viability of the new ROs/distributorships including for the state of Maharashtra.

(d) The Oil Selection Board, Maharashtra has not been reconstituted, so far.

[Translation]

Reservation to OBC

76. SHRI R.L.P. VERMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Public Service Commission is providing 27 percent reservation to the other backward classes candidates in its examination, as per the reservation policy of the Central Government;

(b) whether the commission provides 27 percent reservation in each stage of the civil services examination;

(c) if so, the details regarding the total number of other backward classes candidates selected in each stage during the past three years;

(d) if not, whether legal proceedings were initiated against the concerned officials; and

(e) whether the Government propose to have this irregularity investigated by the Central Bureau of Investigation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) There is no formal reservation at each stage of the Examination.

(c) A *statement* giving number of candidates declared qualified community-wise in the Civil Services Examination, 1994 and 1995 at each stage of the examination is enclosed. The 1996 examination is still under way.

(d) and (e). Does not arise. The question whether reservation should apply at each stage of the Examination is presently subject matter of a dispute pending in the Supreme Court.

STATEMENT

Statement showing the community-wise break-up the number of candidates declared qualified at different stages of the Civil Services Examinations held in 1994 and 1995

Civil Services Examination 1994

	SC	*ST*	*OBC*	*GEN.*	*Total*
Preliminary Examination	1810	937	3099	6001	11847
Main Examination (Written)	241	129	354	732	1456
Finally Recommended	123	61	205	317	706*
Vacancies Reported	115	61	173	358	707

The result of once candidate has been withheld by the Commission in compliance of Court orders.

Civil Services Examination, 1995

	SC	*ST*	*OBC*	*GEN.*	*Total*
Preliminary Examination	1497	737	2608	4897	9739
Main Examination (Written)	202	102	336	677	1317
Finally Recommended	101	48	188	301	638*
Vacancies Reported	98	49	165	333	645

The result of seven candidates has been withheld by the Commission.